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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Addendum

1. The Commission on Human Rights, at its 2nd meeting, on 1 February 1994, decided to add an item to its provisional agenda to be entitled "Follow-up to the World Conference on Human Rights". The present note is intended to bring the annotations up to date to take account of the new provisional agenda item.

2. The attention of the Commission is drawn to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993. In part II, which contains the Programme of Action, reference is made to the Commission on Human Rights in paragraphs 8, 15, 21, 25, 29, 37, 40, 42, 72, 75, 91, 92, 95, 99 and 100. Of these, the references in paragraphs 15, 25, 29, 37, 92 and 99 contain recommendations to the Commission on Human Rights.

3. In part II, paragraph 99, of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, the World Conference recommended the Commission to consider ways and means for the full implementation, without delay, of the recommendations contained in the Declaration. The World Conference further recommended that the Commission review annually the progress towards this end.

4. The following are the recommendations to the Commission:

(a) In paragraph 15, the Commission is urged to consider as a matter of priority, the follow-up on recommendations concerning adequate means for the system of thematic and country rapporteurs, experts, working groups and treaty bodies;

(b) In paragraph 25, the World Conference calls on the Commission to examine ways and means to promote and protect effectively the rights of persons belonging to minorities as set out in the Declaration on the Rights of Persons belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities;

(c) In paragraph 29, the World Conference recommends that the Commission consider the renewal and updating of the mandate of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations upon completion of the drafting of a declaration on the rights of indigenous people;

(d) In paragraph 37, it is urged that the equal status of women and the human rights of women should be regularly and systematically addressed throughout relevant United Nations bodies and mechanisms. In particular, the World Conference recommends that steps should be taken to increase cooperation and promote further integration of objectives and goals between the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Human Rights, the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the United Nations Development Programme and other United Nations agencies;

(e) In paragraph 92, the World Conference recommends that the Commission examine the possibility for better implementation of existing human rights instruments at the international and regional levels and encourages the International Law Commission to continue its work on an international criminal court.

5. At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 48/121 of 20 December 1993 entitled "World Conference on Human Rights" in which it requested the Secretary-General, the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and other organs and bodies of the United Nations system related to human rights to take further action with a view to the full implementation of all recommendations of the Conference. By this resolution the General Assembly also decided to include in the agenda of its forthcoming sessions, under the item entitled "Human rights questions", a standing sub-item entitled "Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action".

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